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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ELAB, ILO, JA
SUBJECT: ILO - 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

REF: A) STATE 102699, B) TOKYO 6822

1. CHARGE CALLED ON LABOR MINISTER ISHIDA MAY 11 TO INDICATE USG'S DEEP CONCERN WITH FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE (ILC). LEAVING AIDE-MEMOIRE WITH ISHIDA, CHARGE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT JAPANESE WOULD ACTIVELY SUPPORT U.S. ON KEY ISSUES, OUTCOME OF WHICH WILL DETERMINE WHETHER U.S. REMAINS IN ILO. CHARGE ALSO URGED THAT GOJ DELEGATES PARTICIPATE ACTIVELY IN DEBATE AND SEEK IMPORTANT COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS (DEPUTY VICE MINISTER FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IWATA, ONE OF GOJ'S PRINCIPAL DELEGATES TO ILC, SAT IN ON MEETING). CHARGE ALSO EXPRESSED GREAT APPRECIATION FOR GOJ COOPERATION WITH U.S. IN ILO DURING PAST 18 MONTHS.

2. ISHIDA SAID GOJ FULLY UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS BASIC POSITION OF U.S. TOWARDS ILO. ISHIDA ADDED THAT
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GOJ ALSO TAKES GENERALLY SAME LINE ON THREE CRUCIAL ISSUES (REF A) FACING FORTHCOMING ILC AND, IF AND WHEN THESE ISSUES COME TO VOTE, WILL DETERMINE ITS POSITION ONLY AFTER CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH U.S. DELEGATION.

3. ISHIDA SAID GOJ AS WELL WILL HAVE DIFFICULT TIME AT ILC, SINCE SOHYO-AFFILIATED PUBLIC SECTOR UNIONS,

IN FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION DEBATE, WILL CHARGE GOJ WITH VIOLATING ILO CONVENTION 87 (FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION) BECAUSE JAPAN DOES NOT PERMIT POLICEMEN OR FIREMEN TO ORGANIZE AND OUTLAWS STRIKES BY WORKERS EMPLOYED BY PUBLIC CORPORATIONS (NATIONAL RAILWAYS, POSTAL AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS). ISHIDA HOPED USG DELEGATES WOULD SUPPORT GOJ POSITION THAT THESE LAWS ARE NOT VIOLATION OF ARTICLE 87. CHARGE SAID USG DELEGATES WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY GIVE SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION TO GOJ VIEWPOINT AND PROMISED TO INQUIRE ABOUT SPECIFIC USG POSITION.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INDICATION, PREFERABLY BEFORE IWADA LEAVES FOR GENEVA ABOUT MAY 20, OF POSITION USG DELEGATES LIKELY TO TAKE ON TWO PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYEE ISSUES RAISED BY ISHIDA.

5. LABATT EXPECTS TO MAKE POINTS CONTAINED REF A TO JAPANESE WORKER DELEGATE HARAGUCHI AND EMPLOYER DELEGATE YOSHIMURA NEXT WEEK, BEFORE THEY LEAVE FOR GENEVA.
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